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DIRECTOR

September 15, 2008

TO: Rebecca A. Humphries, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: State Forest Land Exchange
Crystal Falls Management Unit – Iron and Dickinson Counties
Land Transaction Case #20031122

Applicant: William H. Nagy Jr., Iron Mountain, Michigan

Private Land Offered In Exchange: Dickinson County, Felch Township, T43N, R29W: Section 21: S ½ of the SE ¼.
Dickinson County, Sagola Township, T43N, R30W: Section 25: N ½ of the NE ¼.
Iron County, Mansfield Township, T45N, R31W: Section 21: NW ¼ of the NW ¼. 200 acres more or less.

Appraised Value: \$204,000.00

State Land Desired In Exchange: Iron County, Mastodon Township, T42N, R31W, Sections 27 and 28:
The SW ¼ of SW ¼ of Section 27, and the North ¾ of the East ¼ of Section 28. 160 acres more or less.

Appraised Value: \$160,000.00

Authority: Part 21 of Act 451, Public Acts of 1994, as amended

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources' (Department) September 29, 2008 Calendar, and is eligible for approval on October 6, 2008.

This transaction benefits both the Department and the applicant by consolidating State and private lands for efficient management.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

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Comments:

The desired State-owned land is located in southeastern Iron County. The property has no public or management access, and is isolated from other State-owned lands. The property consists of 160 acres of forestland including hardwood, mixed aspen/hardwood, and lowland conifers. Attempts to gain legal access for public use of the property have not been successful, so the land continues to be used extensively by adjacent landowners for recreation purposes.

The offered 200.0 acres of privately-owned lands are made up of three separate parcels in Mansfield, Felch, and Sagola Townships of Iron and Dickinson Counties. The Mansfield Township 40-acre parcel is located in the Bates Lake Area, a remote area that is managed for limited access. The parcel has long been a priority acquisition for the Department, since it is completely surrounded by State-owned land.

The Sagola Township offered 80-acre parcel lies along the southwestern edge of a large, fenced private holding, and is bordered by State-owned land on 3.5 sides. Access to the State-owned land lying to the north is currently limited. The acquisition of this parcel will secure the State's access to this land by linking a network of forest roads to the east with the land to the north.

The offered Felch Township 80-acre parcel is completely surrounded by State-owned land. This property is well stocked with a mix of northern hardwoods, aspen, and lowland conifers.

This transaction will contribute to the Department's Land Consolidation Strategy by acquiring lands which block in with other State-owned properties and by disposing of lands which provide comparatively fewer benefits to the Department's mission. This transaction will enhance forest and wildlife management objectives, improve access for management purposes and public recreation, and result in a net elimination of 6.5 miles of property boundary in the State Forest.

The desired State-owned lands were acquired by tax reversion in 1939 and 1940.

The proposed exchange was reviewed and recommended for approval by the Land Exchange Review Committee on October 25, 2007. The Mineral and Land Management Section staff of the Department's Forest, Mineral and Fire Management Division has determined that the Department should retain its mineral rights to the desired State-owned land since active metallic mineral leases surround the property.

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Recommendation: That the exchange be approved, under authority of Part 21, Act 451 of 1994, as amended, with the State reserving aboriginal antiquities and minerals.

David E. Freed, Chief
Land and Facilities

Russ Mason, Chief
Wildlife

Lynne M. Boyd, Chief
Forest, Mineral and Fire Management

Ronald A. Olson, Chief
Parks and Recreation

Arminda S. Koch
Resource Management Deputy

I approve the staff recommendation.

Rebecca A. Humphries
Director

Date Approved

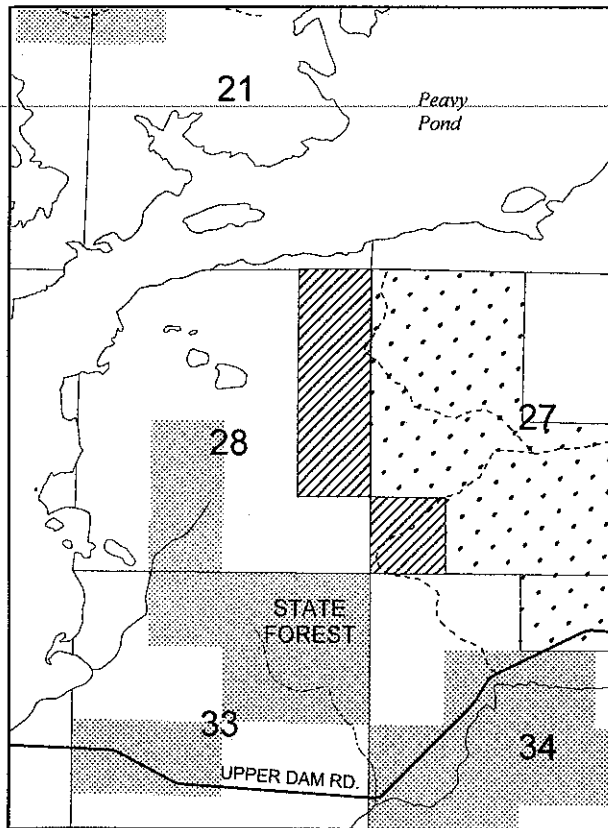
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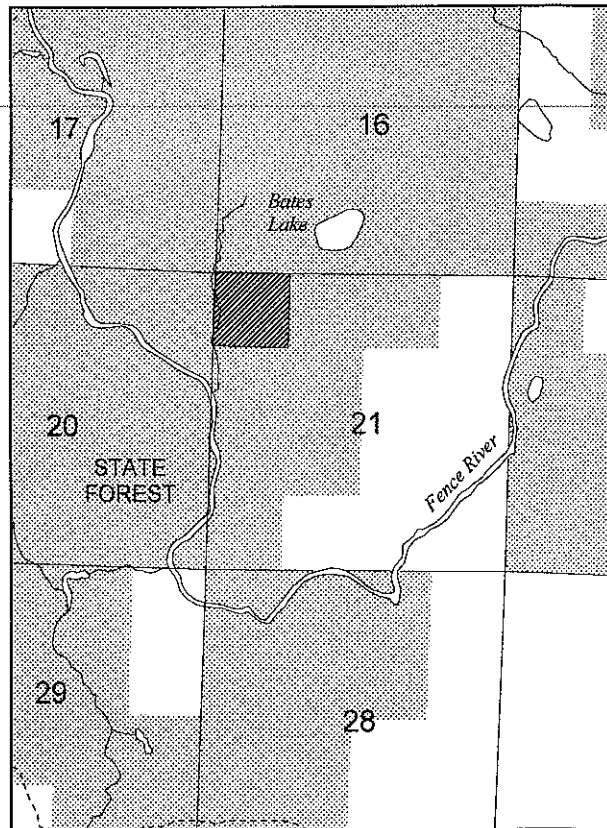
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




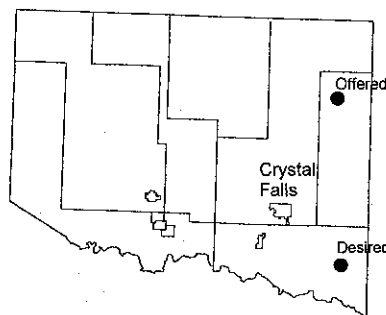
Iron County, Mastodon Township
Sections 27 and 28, T42N, R31W

OFFERED



Iron County, Mansfield Township
Section 21, T45N, R31W

-  State Land Desired from DNR in Exchange (160.00 acres)
-  Private Land Offered to DNR in Exchange (200.00 acres total)
-  Applicant's Land
-  State Land
-  Private Land



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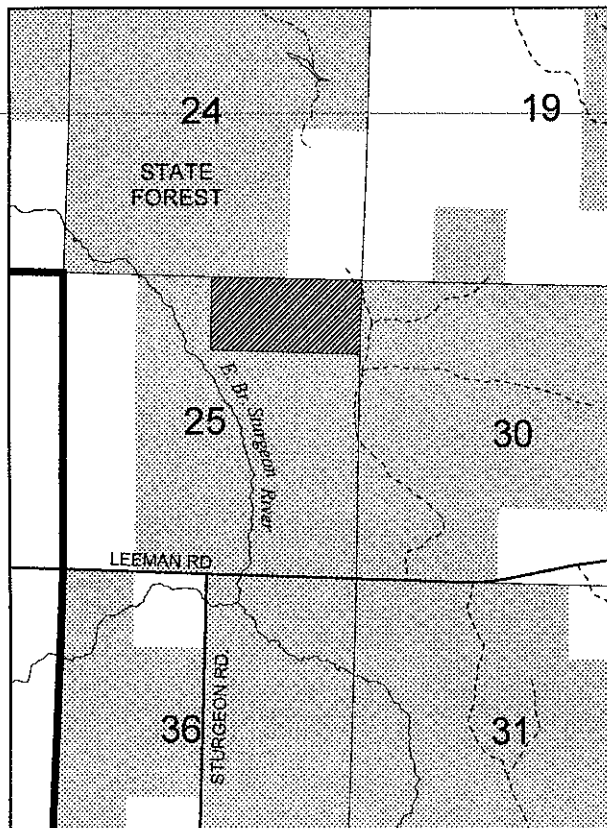
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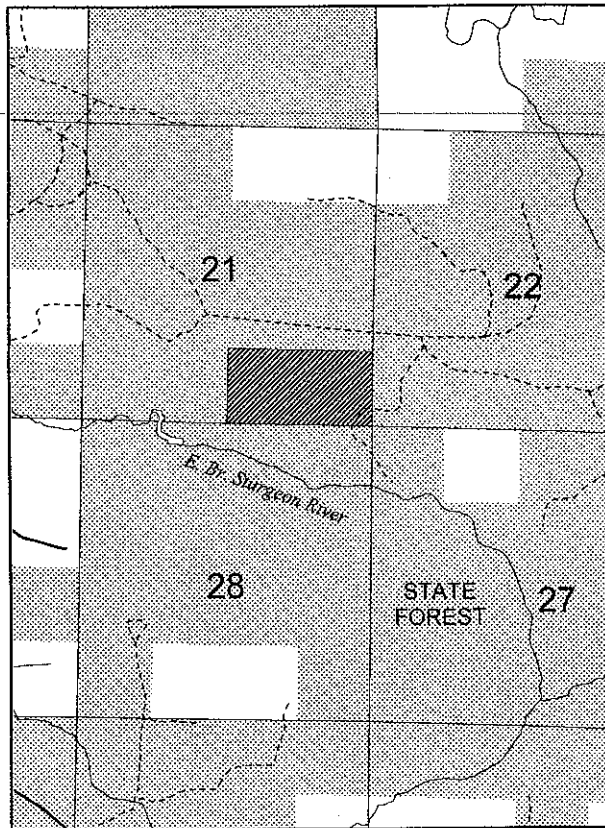
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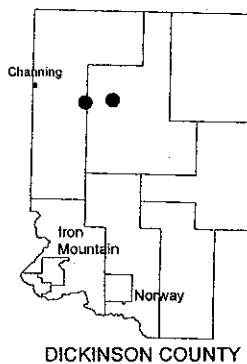
Dickinson County, Sagola Township
Section 25, T43N, R30W

OFFERED



Dickinson County, Felch Township
Section 21, T43N, R29W

- State Forest Boundary
- Land Offered to DNR in Exchange (200.00 acres total)
- State Land
- Private Land



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